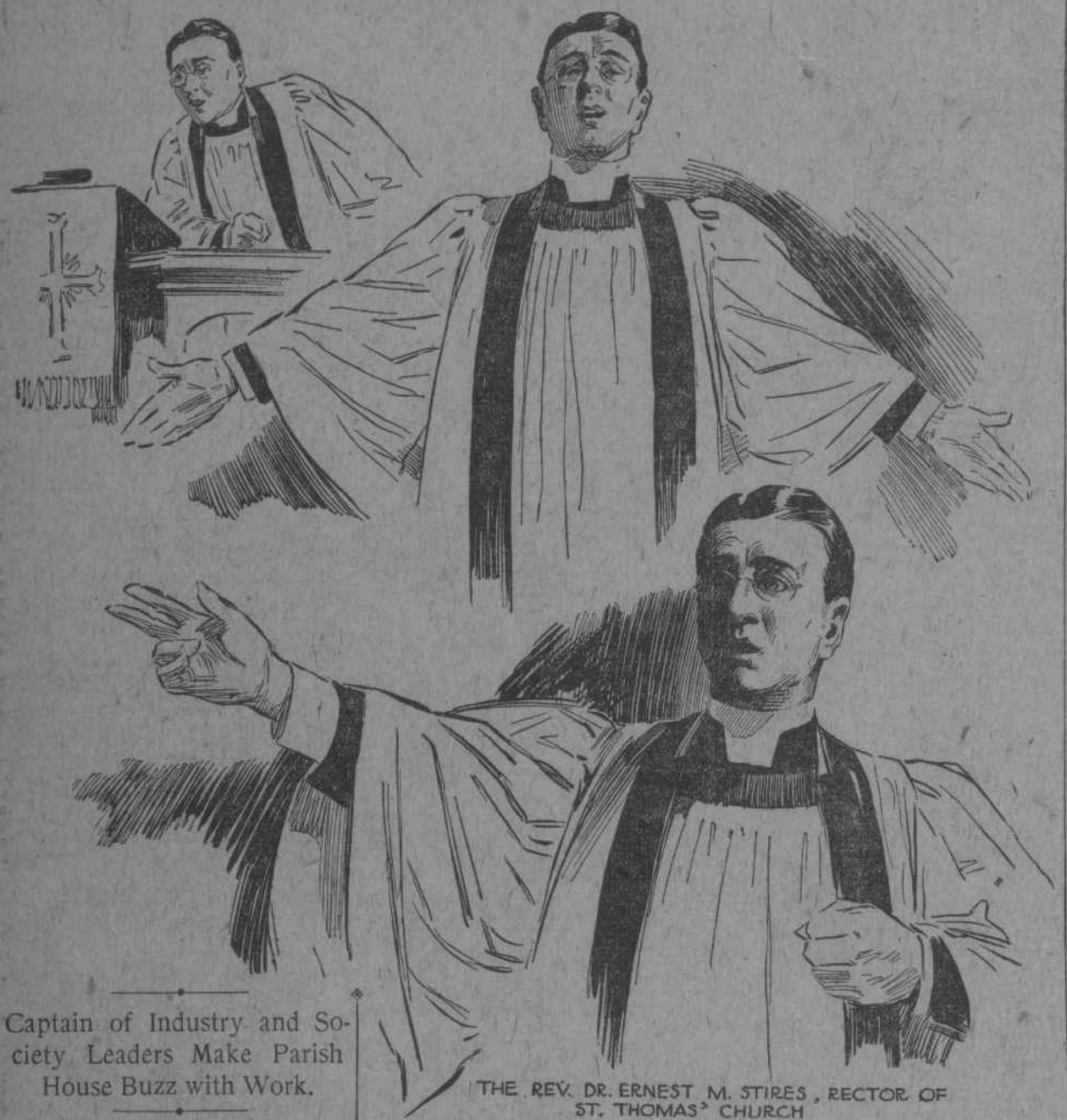


# Beehive of Christian Activity Found Within Wealthy St. Thomas' Church



Captain of Industry and Society Leaders Make Parish House Buzz with Work.

## BUILDING FINE EDIFICE

The Rev. Dr. Stires, Rector, Shows Need of New Structure in Fifth Avenue.

"The modern church without a parish house would be like a factory building without a workroom," said the Rev. Ernest M. Stires, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, in Fifth avenue, at Fifty-third street, yesterday while showing visitors through the partly completed parish house, following the morning service.

The remark is indicative of the spirit of progressive Christianity characteristic of the church, which has one of the wealthiest congregations in the city. Captains of industry and leaders of society make up the membership of the church, and prone as they are to decorous attendance at Sunday worship the public is not aware of the Christian zeal and activity that make the parish house a beehive of well doing throughout the week.

Here there are gatherings, social, philanthropic and devotional, throughout the afternoon and evening. Every avenue of Christian helpfulness has its appropriate department. On Monday afternoon at four o'clock twenty-five of the season's debutantes gather for Bible study. Once a month, on Monday night, the men hold a business meeting that leaves many vacant places in the golden horseshoe at the Metropolitan Opera House until late in the evening. On another night the Men's Club holds a conference on civic affairs. Usually the head of some city department addresses the gathering. The attitude of the club in its investigations of civic problems is not to find fault, but to offer co-operation toward promoting efficiency and removing cause for criticism.

Rector and curates at St. Thomas acknowledge frankly that their ministry is to a congregation combining wealth and social prominence, and insist that these things involve added responsibilities to church and community.

That this is the spirit alike of the congregation and clergy was shown when five destroyed the church building seven years ago. Before the ruins were cold an offer of \$250,000 was made for the church site. Confronting them was the easy prospect of accepting the money, spending \$500,000 on a new site and \$1,000,000 on a new church, and having an abundant fund of \$500,000 that would have removed forever all financial responsibility. To put this aside meant keeping together the congregation in a temporary structure and raising \$1,000,000 for a new edifice. The choice was for the more difficult task. The congregation has kept together. The parish work has gone on uninterrupted, and though more than enough money to pay for the cost of the new edifice has been distributed in charity there is \$750,000 in the building fund.

"We could not have done otherwise," said Dr. Stires, who cheerfully has borne his double burden of ministry and administration for the last seven years. Fifth avenue is more than a thoroughfare. It is a historic highway, typical of the highest development of our complex civilization. A few blocks below us is the magnificent Public Library, a temple of learning; just above us are three typical modern hotels, the temples of Mammon. Midway between these there was need for that which would typify the highest, clearest, strongest note in our civilization—the development of Christian character. There are sermons in stones, and the new church of St. Thomas is planned to be as useful externally and interiorly at all times as when worship is being held in it.

around which the massive nave of the new edifice is rising, the congregation of St. Thomas has attended service faithfully and yesterday the church was thronged. The musical accompaniment to the service was unusually effective. The rector, who is giving a series of Sunday morning addresses on matters of faith, preached yesterday on the Trinity, treating that abstract theological concept in terms that translated it into a working principle for Christian living. He said in part—

"The doctrine of the Trinity is the simplest statement of our knowledge of God. It is what God has told us concerning Himself, that He is our Father, our Brother, our Friend. It is a reasonable faith, practical, comforting, inspiring. It will bring justice, peace and happiness to all mankind—but only as it is lived."

"It is not so much a creed as a life, not an insurance for another world, but a daily programme for this. Not so much a consolation for our woes as a trumpet call to a great crusade."

"It does not require an over-sensitive ear to hear the cries of God's suffering children—the child slaves among the toilers, the many victims of greed, whose gain is blood money indeed; of crowded sweat shop and tenement, where the white death claims an awful toll; of the tragic problems of poverty, disease, vice and crime. The cries of the ignorant, the

lonely, the tempted, the falling, the dying—cries often mingled with curses against God and the people, who profess to believe in Him.

"As we pray 'Our Father' let those two words hold us for a moment and they will send us forth to seek and to save His children. Lift up your eyes to the Light of the World, divine Brother of all mankind, and straightway you too become a brother of all and first of the least of these His brethren. Stretch forth your hand to God, your friend, and no sooner are you conscious of his comfort and encouragement, His strength and inspiring power, but you must needs grasp the hand of your despairing brother and friend that he also may find peace and power, courage and victory."

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, that is in the name of God, my Father, my Brother and my Friend. Is it not a reasonable faith, is it not beautiful, is it not complete, is it not practical and inspiring, is it not worthy of God? Begin every day with that prayer, 'In the name of God, my Father, my Brother, my Friend' your fears will fade into courage, your hopes become realities, your sorrows will end in peace and joy, your defeats will be turned into victories. Thus saith every man who lives that faith, and thus saith our Father, Brother, Friend."

## CALLS SOCIALISM 'SELFISH SCHEME'

Rabbi Silverman Proposes Greater Individualism as an Antidote for the Disease.

Characterizing socialism as a purely selfish utilitarian scheme to overturn the natural development of society, Dr. Joseph Silverman, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, at the morning service yesterday advocated individualism as an antidote.

"After I had spoken four weeks ago," Dr. Silverman said, "on the subject 'Are We Ready for Socialism?' and had answered negatively, a critic questioned my knowledge of the philosophy of socialism. I replied there is no philosophy in it, as it is a practical political and economic programme. In contradistinction to socialism, which is a purely selfish utilitarian scheme to overturn the natural development of society, either by drastic legislation or by force."

"No individual, no direct legislation, no force established the present order of human affairs. In the rudest state of primitive man the individual naturally predominated. There arose slavery and tyranny, from which after ages of suffering mankind emancipated itself."

"Socialism, of which anarchy is a brother, is an anarchistic scheme that seeks by legislation or violence to set at naught all the results of the world's evolution. The advocates of the plan seem to desire only to abolish private wealth. They forget that the new state that is to inaugurate socialism must be composed of men. The whole scheme is based upon a false theory that the wealthy and the poor are absolutely fixed classes. Life means competition, and if the laborer has to struggle, the capitalist has no less a struggle. Of this natural law the socialist takes no cognizance."

## CHURCH HONORS OLDEST MEMBER

Dr. Thomas Franklin Smith, Pioneer of Harlem, Joined Mount Morris Congregation 50 Years Ago.

Dr. Thomas Franklin Smith, for twenty-five years associate superintendent of the Bible School of the Mount Morris Baptist Church, yesterday received congratulations from the congregation. Dr. Smith is the oldest member of the church, having joined nearly fifty years ago.

Born in this city in 1833, Dr. Smith attended the public schools and later received a degree from the New York Medical College. He joined the Seventh Regiment and during the civil war was assistant surgeon of the Eighth Regiment. He retired with the rank of major.

For nearly half a century Dr. Smith has been practicing medicine in Harlem. Formerly he lived in a cottage in West 124th street.

Dr. Smith was a player on one of the first baseball teams in this city. The games were played in a field in East Sixty-fifth street, near Third avenue. That was in 1856 and 1857. The Third avenue car barns now occupy the site of the ball ground.

Since 1884 he has been a United States pension examiner, the oldest in point of service. For thirty-four years he has been a visiting physician to the Metropolitan Hospital, now on Blackwell's Island. He was one of the incorporators of the American Institute of Homoeopathy, being its treasurer for the last twenty-three years. His father was the first dealer in homoeopathic medicines in this city.

## BOSTON'S CARDINAL HOME TO-MORROW

Great Welcome, Lasting Two Weeks, Planned for New England Prelate Returning from Rome.

Boston, Mass., Sunday.—Cardinal O'Connell, returning to his Archbishopric of Boston as one of America's new princes of the Roman Catholic Church, will find a royal welcome when the steamship Canopic arrives Tuesday. Only the hour of arrival, which will be communicated by wireless to-morrow, was lacking to-night to complete the arrangements for celebrating the homecoming.

The national and papal colors bloomed throughout the city to-day, particularly along the line of march to be followed Tuesday. Services at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross were conducted amid a blaze of color, the great structure within and without being decorated for the Cardinal. Prominent in the interior adornment will be the Cardinal's new throne of crimson, richly embellished with his official coat of arms.

Two steamers will take the Reception Committee down the bay to meet the incoming Canopic, and before the Cardinal and his suite are transferred to one of the steamers Auxiliary Bishop Joseph G. Anderson, who has directed the welcoming arrangements, will extend the greeting of the diocese to its head. When the Cardinal has gone on board the steamer Monitor that vessel will make for the landing place at Long Wharf. There a carpeted walk has been laid and the Cardinal will be welcomed by Mayor John F. Fitzgerald. After a brief ceremony the procession to the Cardinal's home, on Granby street, in the Back Bay, will be started.

A solemn mass of thanksgiving will be

## ADAMS MEMORIAL CHURCH IS SOLD

Madison Square Congregation Sells East Side Branch to Extension Committee for \$50,000.

To save the Adams Memorial Presbyterian Church, No. 26 East Thirtieth street, from going out of existence the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of New York has bought the Adams Church property from the corporation of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church.

The trustees of this east side church, which is a memorial to the late Rev. Dr. William Adams, for many years pastor of the Madison Square Church, although independent in the management of its affairs, never had the title to the property. The church began as a mission and the big red building, which extends back almost to the next block, was built with what Dr. Adams referred to as the snowdrop collection. This was because he made an appeal to his wealthy parishioners one morning when snow was falling heavily, and enough money was put into the plates that morning to get the building well under way. Dr. Adams said that as the snow fell outside the hills fell into the plates. All these years Madison Square Church has contributed largely to the support of its "child."

Madison Square Church sold the property because it wanted the money to add to its endowment, which is now \$300,000. The price paid by the Extension Committee was \$50,000, which the Committee considered very cheap. The sale was consummated last week. The money was paid out of the John S. Kennedy fund. Mr. Kennedy was an officer in Madison Square Church, but recently his widow transferred her membership back to Fifth Avenue Church,

where she and her husband had attended years ago. Hereafter Adams Church, which was founded in 1886, will be managed by the Church Extension Committee. The Rev. Frederick D. Niedermeyer, who has just resigned from Missal Chapel, will take charge next Sunday. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Jesse F. Forbes, who resigned last spring to become general secretary of the Extension Committee.

Madison Square Church, like many others downtown, is suffering from the death of old supporters and the removal to the suburbs of many others. This has caused a corresponding falling off in contributions. In 1909 the congregational funds were \$53,000, whereas last year they were \$50,000.

## TSAR'S POLICE BLOCK DR. MACARTHUR

American Clergyman Wins Struggle to Speak at Dedication in St. Petersburg—Restrictions on Address.

News of the experience of the Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur while in St. Petersburg as president of the Baptist World Alliance was given out yesterday at Calvary Church, in Fifty-seventh street, of which he was pastor for many years. Dr. MacArthur went to Russia to see the Tsar about founding a Baptist college in Moscow and to assist at the dedication of a Baptist house in St. Petersburg.

It is reported that not until Saturday, the day before the dedication service, could permission be obtained from the police to use the building. At first the number who might attend was limited to 700, although the house seats 2,000, and Baptists were in St. Petersburg from many parts of Russia for the dedication. At last, through the intervention in part of Dr. MacArthur, the limit of attendance was raised to 1,500.

Even then there was no permit for a foreigner to speak. Finally, upon condition that Dr. MacArthur talk only of spiritual matters and make no reference to things political, American, or even social, a permit was granted.

## \$245,000 GIVEN TO JEWISH CHARITY

Mount Sinai Hospital Announces Year's Gifts and Arrangements for New Pathological Building.

Announcement that a new pathological building would be added to Mount Sinai Hospital through funds contributed by Adolph Lewisohn was made yesterday at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the institution. In his annual report the president, George Blumenthal, announced that legacies, bequests and donations received during the year amounted to \$245,000.

Of this \$245,000 was a gift received two weeks ago from Mrs. Babette Lehman, widow of Meyer Lehman, for many years a director of the hospital. Harry Guggenheim, with a gift of \$5,000 started a Pension Fund for Mount Sinai Training School Alumnae which has grown to \$100,000. The income will be distributed among nurses who are unable to take care of themselves after twenty years of service. Paul M. and Felix M. Warburg donated \$20,000 to found the Moritz Warburg Social Service Fund, the income to be devoted to social welfare work.

The hospital treated 8,121 patients in the main building last year and 25,123 patients received dispensary treatment. The latter item showed an increase of seventy-five per cent over the previous year. There are 166 physicians connected with the dispensary. The expenditures for the year were \$447,709.31, leaving a deficit of \$11,453.

Chance. A third installment of Joseph Conrad's fine story of the sea will appear, illustrated, in next Sunday's NEW YORK HERALD. A synopsis of what has gone before accompanies it, but you can't afford to miss a chapter.

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Originally	Now	Originally	Now
Dimoline	\$250 35	Pease	375 265
Hall & Son	250 85	C. Kurtzmann & Co. (2)	265 265
Young	250 85	C. Kurtzmann & Co.	265 265
New England	250 95	Emerson	400 265
Dolson	250 95	C. Kurtzmann & Co.	265 265
Reike & Co.	250 95	Emerson	350 275
Nunns & Co.	250 100	Ivers & Pond	400 275
Swick	250 100	Chickering & Sons	450 275
James Holmstrom	350 110	Vose & Sons	385 285
Auerbach	185 125	Mason & Hamlin	500 285
Schumann	275 125	Kraich & Bach	600 350
Meister & Co.	225 125	Knabe	600 350
Hartman & Co.	250 125	Chickering & Sons	550 395
Bush & Gertz	350 125	Chickering & Sons	500 395
Walters	185 125	Chickering & Sons (2)	550 450
H. Waters	350 125		
Mathushek	350 125		
Muehlfeld	250 125		
J. C. Fischer	350 125		
Standard	350 125		
Cable	350 125		
Weber	350 125		
Chickering & Sons	450 135		
Hartman	300 135		
Jacob Bros.	250 135		
Decker Bros.	400 135		
Peck & Son	250 135		
Mathushek	350 135		
Rosendorfer	185 135		
Winterroth	300 145		
Mollenhauer & Bach	300 145		
Schirmer	300 145		
Weber	300 145		
Briggs	250 145		
Royal	300 145		
Schubert	300 145		
Keller	300 145		
New England (2)	300 145		
Walters	185 145		
Byrne	300 145		
Campbell	195 145		
Kroeger	375 145		
National	250 145		
Vose	375 155		
Emerson	400 155		
Gabler	300 160		
Peck & Son	300 165		

Grand Pianos		Player-Pianos	
Originally	Now	Originally	Now
Nunns & Clark	\$400 35	Columbus (2)	\$350 \$225
Steck	800 165	Autopianos (10)	450 255
Steck	650 165	Lyrphone	550 265
Chickering & Sons	1,000 195	Tway	600 265
Knabe	750 215	Autopianos (4)	550 295
Chickering & Sons	1,000 205	Lindeman (12)	595 325
Chickering & Sons	750 205	Mathushek-Angelus	600 325
Steinway	1,100 315	Emerson-Angelus (8)	650 335
Chickering & Sons	1,100 395	Autopianos (5)	450 375
C. Kurtzmann & Co.	800 495	Emerson-Angelus (3)	725 395
Schomacker	650 525	Autopianos (5)	500 395
Chickering & Sons	850 535	Autopianos (2)	550 415
Schomacker	800 575	Autopiano	650 495
Chickering & Sons	800 575	Knabe-Angelus (2)	1,050 550
Chickering & Sons	950 625	Schomacker-Angelus (3)	900 575
Chickering & Sons	750 615	Knabe-Angelus	1,050 595
Wm. Knabe & Co.	700 625	Emerson-Angelus	950 595
Chickering & Sons	800 750	Emerson-Angelus (2)	750 650
		Knabe-Angelus (2)	1,050 795

Used Organs		Piano-Players	
Originally	Now	Originally	Now
G. A. Prince	\$10 15	Roth & Englehart	\$250 \$25
Estey	20 20	Pianola 65-note	250 40
Burdett	20 20	Simplex	250 40
Needham	20 20	Cecilian	250 45
Princess Orchestral	50 50	Angelus	250 60
Carpenter	\$150 50	Angelus (7)	275 95
Shoninger	300 100	Pianola Metrostyle	300 125
Wells Orchestral	1,500 350	Angelus (4)	250 125
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Austin Symphony	1,800 1,050		

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